



## How do members become licensed Architects?

### Requirements to become a licensed architect:



#### Education\*

- **(B.Arch)** Bachelors of Architecture Degree or a **(M.Arch)** Masters of Architecture Degree is required from a NAAB accredited university or college
- National Architectural Accrediting Board (**NAAB**) is the governing board that ensures that schools follow the appropriate curriculum for architecture students.



#### Experience\*

- **(AXP)** Architectural Experience Program (formerly referred to as **IDP**)
- **3,740 hours** (appx. 2 years) of experience is required under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.
- **6 Practice Areas:**
  1. Practice Management
  2. Project Management
  3. Programming and Analysis
  4. Project Planning & Design
  5. Project Development & Document
  6. Construction & Evaluation



#### Examination\*

- Licensure candidates are required to take the **(ARE)** Architect Registration Exam
- There are a total of **6 divisions** aligned with AXP practice areas
- Exams are all computer based.
- In 2016, NCARB launched **ARE 5.0** (exam version 4.0 was officially sunset in the summer of 2018.)

\*Education, experience, and Examination requirements may vary by state or jurisdiction.

### AIA resources available to candidates:



- AIA provides funding for **one** state-appointed licensing advisor to attend the NCARB Licensing Advisor's Summit, a biannual event.
- [Current Roster](#) of licensing advisors.
- Update to your state advisor?  
Email: [advisors@ncarb.org](mailto:advisors@ncarb.org)



- Candidates can earn up to (20) AXP hours per area with AIA Continuing Education
- 1 AIA HSW = 1 AXP Hour
- Candidates must upload their AIA transcript to their NCARB record within 6 months
- Associate AIA members have free access to the AIAU Emerge Series.



- [ArchiPrep](#) is AIA's premier ARE prep resource designed to help emerging professionals get licensed faster
- Component licenses are available to supplement local prep programs (minimum 3 people for 3 months)
- Contact: [archiprep@aia.org](mailto:archiprep@aia.org)